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1. Tokol Airfield was located about 2 km east of the Village of Tokol. The field was reached by the Csepel-Budapest Road and by the railroad located approximately 500 meters east of the base. The Csepel automobile factory was located about 800 meters east of the airfield. To the best of my recollection, the field was rectangular and in the shape of the letter "L".
2. Tokol was administered by the Hungarians and the Soviets. Routine flight operations were undertaken only by the Soviet air unit stationed at the field. [redacted] there was no regular Hungarian air unit assigned there. I did hear, however, that a fighter and an assault regiment would be moved to the field from Kecskemet sometime in January 1951. Although I am not very familiar with the operations of the Soviet air unit, I do know that PO-2's were used for night flight and for parachute jumps during the daytime.
3. The Csepel power station provided the airfield with adequate electricity. [redacted] the airfield was used as a transfer point for Soviet aircraft. Planes were flown to Tokol by Soviet pilots and then transferred to various airfields by Hungarian pilots. At that time ten II-10 aircraft were flown there by Soviet female pilots.
4. YAK-9's at the airfield used 95 octane gasoline, YAK-11's 87 octane, UT-2's, YAK-18's and PO-2's used 72 octane.
5. I knew of no antiaircraft blast pens, searchlights or radar equipment at the base. The only air raid shelter was in poor condition.
6. The points hereunder refer to sketch, Enclosure (A):

POINT

- 1..... Runway, which ran in an east-west direction. It was 3,000 meters long, 100 meters wide and constructed of concrete blocks.
- 2..... A concrete taxi strip which connected the main hangar with the runway. It was approximately 950 meters long and 10 meters wide.
- 3..... Parking area for DC-3 aircraft.
- 4..... Ten IL-2 aircraft in storage status.

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- 5..... Twelve wooden boxes, approximately 11 meters long, 5 meters wide and 3 meters high. Each box contained disassembled YAK-11 aircraft. These boxes arrived at the airfield from the USSR during November 1950. Five of these aircraft were assembled and flown to Szolnok Airfield and then transferred to Kecskemet; five others were assembled and flown to Veszprem Airfield; the remaining two were kept in the hangar at Tokol. It required six mechanics ten hours to assemble one aircraft.
- 6..... Concrete apron located in front of hangar which was 30 by 40 meters.
- 7..... Concrete sidewalk, 3 meters wide.
- 8..... Fountain and open air shower.
- 9..... Concrete, grass covered air raid shelter partly underground.
- 10..... Hangar and office building approximately 100 meters long and 40 meters wide. This building was also used for billets. It was constructed of reinforced concrete and the walls were approximately 80 cm thick. The roof was flat.
- 11..... Parking area for approximately six YAK-9's belonging to the Soviet air unit stationed at the field.
- 12..... One YAK-17B.
- 12A..... Three YAK-17 aircraft.
- 13..... Open air fuel and oil storage place.
- 14..... Small, wooden shack used as office for the fuel and oil storage area.
- 15..... Damaged hangar.
- 16..... Guard house constructed of brick, with red tile roof and camouflaged, about 60 meters long and 5 meters wide.
- 17..... Csepel-Budapest concrete road, 7 meters wide.
- 18..... Vineyard.
- 19..... Wooden fence about 3 meters high.
- 20..... Tents used by the Soviet air unit.

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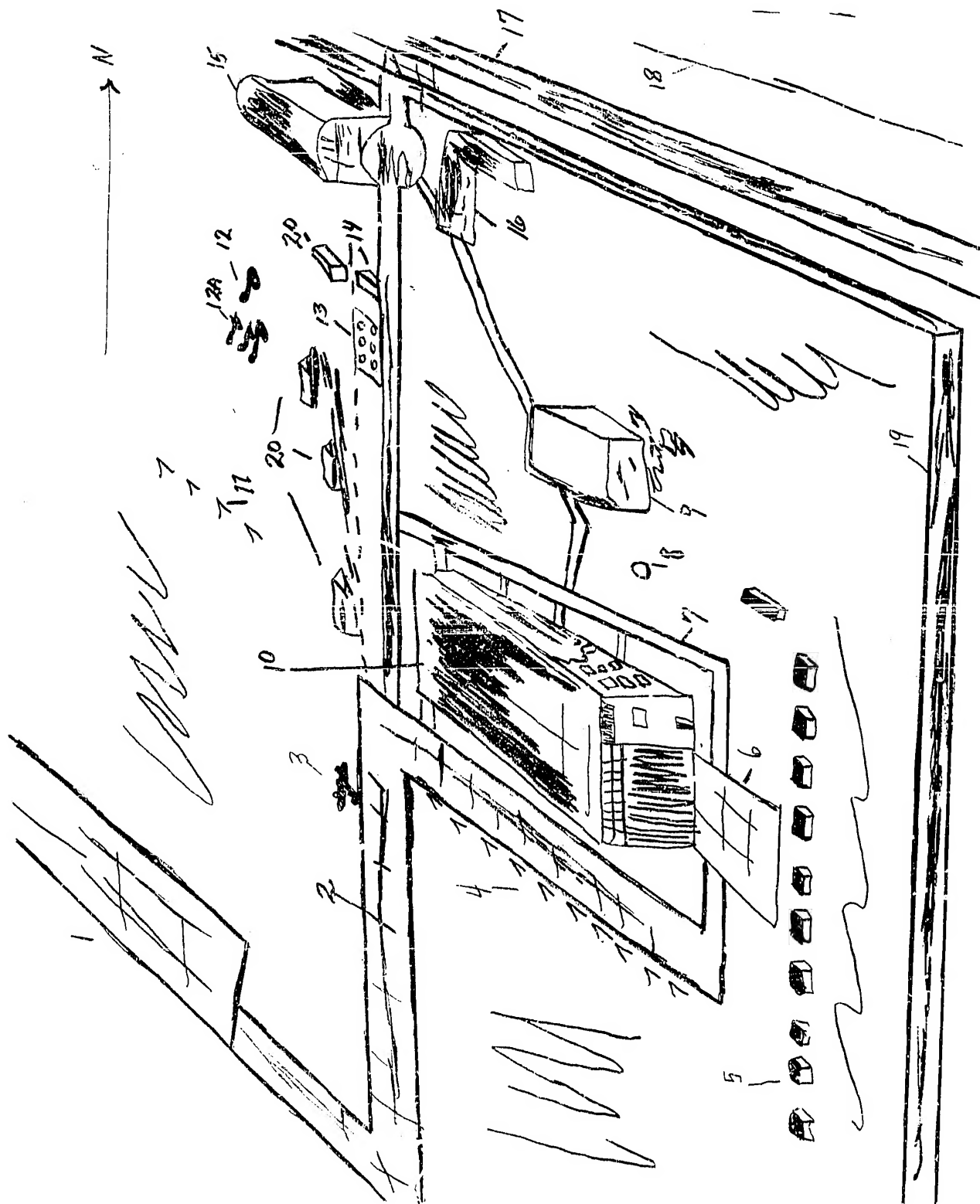
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MEMORY SKETCH (PERSPECTIVE VIEW) OF TOKOL AIRFIELD
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